

## TIDEWATER LANDS OF GREAT VALUE

Views of Expert On a Trip Through That Fine Section.

### PERFECTION OF PRACTICE

Fabulous Sums Made On Ten Acres of Cultivated Ground.

(By Prof. Andrew M. Soule, Superintendent of the Virginia Experiment Station at Blacksburg, Va.)

The general lay of the country throughout this entire Virginia Tidewater region is level and gently rolling; in many places the land does not rise greatly above tide-water. In the Norfolk area eight or ten feet is the general average. In other sections visited the elevation is considerably greater, but for the most part the soil seems to be filled with water; in fact, it approaches so closely to the surface in many instances that drainage is a necessity, particularly where truck crops are grown. In general character the soil is sandy, but it varies greatly from a sandy loam to a type of soil containing a considerable amount of clay. In many cases the subsoil is clayey in nature, generally of a light yellow color, but sometimes having a decided reddish cast, typical of the upland clays of the State. For the most part the soil is friable and easy to work, though beds of clay occur here and there, and when this is considered the soil is found to be wonderfully productive, and the very long growing season enables the farmers to raise two or more crops per year.

The general agricultural practice of this section of the State is not so well developed as the natural conditions warrant; but there is a spirit of progress evidenced that is delightful to come in contact with, and the general belief in the need of agricultural education and of following scientific methods in farm work are the best evidence that the defects in the present system will soon be overcome.

### WELL-NIGH PERFECT.

In the trucking region the practice is well-nigh perfect and farming is conducted after the latest and most successful methods of practice known. Fertilizers are used in abundance; probably sometimes in larger amounts than the results justify, and especially as the maintenance of soil fertility, particularly the content of nitrogen and humus through the use of leguminous crops does not seem to have met with much favor up to the present time. The belief of the trucker is that he cannot afford a rotation of crops, but that it is cheaper and better for him to use heavy applications of commercial fertilizers. It is that the high culture and the wonderful success achieved by the truckers of this region could not be fully appreciated in every section of the State and the soils of old Virginia, from the highest mountain to the level of the sea, made to produce to their full capacity. For what this day of soils, as it certainly must, the agricultural production of the State and the wealth consequent thereto will be quite beyond the appreciation of the citizen of to-day.

### ARE TYPICAL.

The most important fact that a study of this region brings out is the surprising productivity of soils that were thought for many years to be worth comparatively little and that are simply typical of vast areas of land in Tidewater Virginia that can easily be brought under cultivation and made as highly productive as those of the Norfolk area. It is wonderful indeed, made more so by the fact that the soils of this region, as it has been accomplished in this region, it is strange, surpassing strange, that with the evidences of prosperity and wealth gathered from the soil, that greater efforts have not been made to induce immigration and to develop thousands of acres of land which lie just back of the great trucking region and are comparatively unproductive and unimproved. It is remarkable that a section so favored by climatic and soil conditions as the Tidewater region of Virginia, should have been overlooked by the thousands of immigrants who yearly come into the country and who seek to become land owners at the earliest possible date. We simply need to advertise to the world our wonderful natural resources to secure our full quota of a very desirable class of immigrants, for the farmers of the North and West by the hundreds—yes, even by thousands—are looking for new and better locations in the sunny South, and ideal situations where they can be found throughout this entire region at prices for land that seem almost incredible.

This is all right in so far as it goes, but the maintenance of a soil in a desirable mechanical condition is a very important matter, and can only be accomplished through adding a vegetable matter to the soil from time to time. If abundant supplies of farm-yard manure can always be had, this will be a comparatively simple matter, but as farm-yard manure is a difficult article to obtain in a region where stock raising is practically undeveloped, some other means of manure, if it can be resorted to, and the growing of crops in a rotation offers one of the best means of solving this difficult problem. That something of this nature must be done is evidenced by the complaint of certain truckers that the lands do not respond as well to commercial fertilizers as they formerly did, and the same crops in former instances are more subject to various diseases than they used to be.

### FINEST IN COUNTRY.

For the ideal cultivation of the land, however, and the highest type of agricultural production, the trucking region in the vicinity of Norfolk is probably unsurpassed anywhere in the United States. It is certainly a delight to witness the perfection of practice shown here; the clean, beautiful beds of spinach and kale how being fully developed and only waiting a favorable market. This region is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, trucking section of the United States, the output of various crops being simply enormous and the price of lands little short of fabulous. The profits made on a ten-acre farm in the trucking region in a favorable season read like a fairy legend, and yet one who has seen what has been accomplished in this region, and the truth of every statement put forth, given by the most enthusiastic citizen of this section of the State.

### FISH AND OYSTERS.

There is another interest in this section which deserves more than a passing notice, and that is the traffic in fish and oysters. The oyster industry occupies an important place in the commercial interests of the State, and has done much to contribute to the wealth and prosperity of the section under discussion, and owing to the great demand for this most alluring of all products of salt water greater attention must be given to the industry

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In the future than it has received in the past, or a decided falling off in the supply of sure to resist. The why or the wherefore of this condition is not clearly understood by the writer, but the necessity of giving careful attention to it is clearly evidenced and cannot be emphasized too strongly. Every effort should be made to foster and develop an industry of such importance, and when it is recognized that the streams of Virginia are remarkably free from pollution and favor the production of an oyster of superior size and flavor, this industry should be encouraged by the enactment of such legislation as will be to the greatest interest of those who engage in oyster farming, for it is safe to say that the oyster lands of Virginia can be made far more productive and profitable than they are to-day if science comes to the assistance of the oysterman as it has done to the farmer and stockman. I understand the oyster men have various problems of their own, which have been growing up to the present time. A great natural industry and one capable of such remarkable development under scientific and intelligent management is deserving of the greatest immediate consideration, for it will be easy to assist the industry and place it on a stable basis now rather than to wait until the practical extermination of the oyster has made it so extremely difficult and expensive to re-establish an industry which has done so much for the State, and which can be made a much greater source of revenue and profit in the future than in the past.

### OPPOSED TO FARMING.

In a sense, oystering has interfered with the agricultural development of Tidewater Virginia, particularly since the war. As already stated, the oysterable nature has caused many men to engage in it who might otherwise have tilled the soil. In fact, the larger part of the population is engaged in oyster-growing. As a result, the lands have been neglected, and this accounts for their being so cheap and so badly run down in many instances, and it is not due to the natural poverty of the soil and its unsuitability for growing a great variety of useful crops, as many who have visited the region have wrongly concluded. This is one of the mistakes of the State, and the oyster trade which has done much to prevent a rapid development of some areas of Tidewater since the war, because visitors have drawn wrong conclusions, and no very strenuous effort has been made to correct them up to the present time. But now the need of the labor has become so apparent and the necessity for intensive farming so clearly emphasized by the success of the truckers that every legitimate effort must be made to induce desirable immigration into the section of the State where the oysterable lands which have lain practically dormant and frequently regarded as unprofitable for the last forty years.

Another need of this section is the development of the live stock industries commensurate with the needs of the region. At present time, not enough beef, pork or mutton are produced to supply home needs. Yet the soil is easily capable of maintaining all classes of live stock and the location is such that dairy enterprises can certainly be developed to a highly profitable degree. There is no reason in the world why modern practice should not make beef-growing and pork-raising a permanent and profitable industry in this section of the State; for it is quite clear that the oyster trade, with the large amount of corn which can be successfully grown, will provide the basis for the development of great live stock interests, and with the coming of the live stock interests and the accumulation of large supplies of farm-yard manures, and a systematic rotation of field crops, the rejuvenation of these impoverished soils is only a matter of a very short time, and what better future awaits the young man than to become an owner of the lands which are now offered so cheaply because their value under modern systems of culture are not understood, and make of them highly profitable lands through his own individual efforts. There are many hundreds of acres of land in this region which can be bought for \$1,000 that in ten years can be made worth \$10,000. Does not Virginia offer opportunities equal to those found in the West, or for that matter, in any other section of the country?

### INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE CHES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Brown, Cornell and Pennsylvania Universities, composing the Tri-College Chess League, have been challenged by the Oxford and Cambridge international college chess match, it was announced to-day.

The challenge is for possession of the Isaac Rice international collegiate chess trophy, which is now held jointly by Oxford and Cambridge. The Americans ask that the match be played on two consecutive Saturdays in March, on six boards.

### CHANGES IN SCHEDULE, R. P. & P.

R. R., EFFECTIVE MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1906.

### NORTHWARD.

Leave Main Street Station 6:20 A. M. daily, instead of 6:45 A. M., Seaboard Express.

Leave Main Street Station 6:50 A. M. daily, commencing January 11th, Seaboard Florida Limited—all Pullman cars. No local stops.

Leave Byrd Street Station 6:54 A. M., except Monday, commencing January 11th, Atlantic Coast Line New York and Florida Special—all Pullman cars. No local stops.

### SOUTHWARD.

Arrive Main Street Station 9:42 P. M. daily, Seaboard Florida Limited—all Pullman cars.

Arrive Main Street Station 10:50 P. M. daily, instead of 9:50 P. M., Seaboard Express.

Arrive Byrd Street Station 11:40 P. M., except Sundays, Atlantic Coast Line New York and Florida Special—all Pullman cars.

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## PASSING OF O'DELL NEW YORK BOSS

Discredited and Beaten, Late State Chairman and Ex-Governor Sulks at Home.

### SAYS NOW OUT OF POLITICS

He Was the Most Thorough Dictator That Republican Party Had Ever Known.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ALBANY, N. Y., January 7.—Beaten and discredited, in a fair way to be soon forgotten, State Boss Benjamin B. Odell has sadly betaken himself back to his home and his grounds at Newburg, there to nurse his wounds and to sulk in silence. Politicians declare that he is down and out—not for a little while, but for all time. His political career was almost meteoric; for a time it was dazzlingly brilliant. Then it was lost like a meteor that speeds beyond the horizon.

During the brief period of Odell's ascendancy he was the most thorough boss that the Republican party in New York has ever known; to-day there are few so low as to do him reverence. He can muster but a handful of supporters. The list of these speaks for itself: "Lou" Payn and "Bob" Hunter, names of significance in the past and present of insurance affairs; Tax Commissioner William H. Halpin, Edward Lauterbach, Judge Hasbrouck, Senator George R. Mahey, Colonel Michael J. Daly and the rag-tag and bob-tail of a Hearst alliance, this is all that is left of the Odell machine. In the dire extremity of his situation, Odell last Sunday went to Troy and appealed to ex-Governor Frank S. Bland, the man whom he "sold out" for United States senator less than a year ago. What happened at that interview, no one knows, but the Blandian delegation voted for Governor Higgins' candidate for Speaker.

Odell's personal defeat has been more absolute than even his enemies had hoped for, and the work of the Odell machine appears to be equally complete. Mr. Odell was Governor for four years. During that time every atom of power and patronage was employed by him for only one purpose—the upbuilding of a personal political organization. "Of high and mighty character," Odell appears to satisfy the vanity of certain politicians and the purses of others were doled out with unsparring hand.

### TWO PATHS; BOTH LEAD DOWN.

To-day there are but two paths open to Odell. Both lead to political oblivion. He can resign at once as chairman of the State Committee or hold on until the next meeting of the committee, which is to be held in the future. In that case, from present indications would be worse than hopeless. There is no party law or rule by which the committee could be called together to remove Odell as chairman unless he sees fit to resign. He could, however, be ousted by the obscurity of the local and grocery business in Newburg some fourteen years ago as a member of the Republican State Committee. His father had served several terms as Mayor of Newburg and the family was in charge of the local Republican machine.

Young Ben was then vigorous, aggressive and a good handshaker. He was always cordial and good-natured in manner. He soon won the confidence of the people. He presented new ideas and plans of campaigns, and most of them proving good, he was soon made chairman of the Executive Committee at the request of the State and county officers. He was on the job every minute and constantly extending his acquaintance throughout the State. He was then sent to Congress, where he served two terms without distinction, good or bad, except that he was known as a "good fellow." When the late Charles W. Hackett, who had been chairman of the State Committee for a number of years, died, Odell succeeded to the office without opposition. He was the personal choice of Platt, as a State chairman he relieved Platt, as far as the State was concerned, of all about the State, and continued to grow in the good graces of the Senator.

### LONG UNDER WING OF PLATT.

At the Republican State Convention in 1887, there were a number of candidates for the nomination for Governor. Odell was the personal choice of Platt. But Lou Payn, Jacob Worth, Edward Lauterbach and Edna Railroad at Home's Siding last night, when three were killed and twenty persons were injured. To-day when Enginman Cavanaugh, whose locomotive, running light, crashed into passenger train No. 4, was asked how he happened to be on the main track, he is alleged to have exclaimed, "My God, I forgot all about the passenger train." It is said that after a searching investigation into the cause of the wreck the person responsible will be prosecuted.

### ONE MAN KILLED; ANOTHER INJURED

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, January 7.—One man was killed and another severely injured in the Grand Central Station of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad to-night, when a train, carrying passengers, crashed through the platform, crushed the bumpers at the end of the track and ran upon the station platform, where many persons were standing. The train was moving at a rapid rate, and when the conductor applied the air brakes they failed to work.

### Dies Aged 135 Years.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, January 7.—Mary McDonald, a negro, who claimed to be 135 years of age, is dead at the home for aged and infirm colored persons in this city. She claimed to have been born November 14, 1770, in a settlement known as Prokton, near Valley Forge, Pa. She often told of the scenes in Washington's camp at Valley Forge.

### Killed in Colorado.

(By Associated Press.) COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., January 7.—The body of E. Crane Wilson, member of the firm of Wilson, Scott & 338 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, was found on the highway east of Colorado Springs to-night with a bullet hole in the head. His watch and chain were missing.

### Waives Extradition.

(By Associated Press.) MONTREAL, January 7.—James H. Strober, who was arrested here several weeks ago, charged with embezzlement of money belonging to the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company, has waived extradition and will be sent back to Georgia.

### Bull Rights Allowed.

(By Associated Press.) MEXICO CITY, January 7.—The law prohibiting bull fighting has been repealed by the Legislature of the State of Jalisco. For many years no bull fights have been allowed in this State, except by special permission.



B. B. ODELL, THE DEPOSED BOSS.  
Discredited by his party and by the President, he will be forced into retirement.

## COTTON WAREHOUSE IN A FIERCE BLAZE SHOT ENDS A PRAYER AND A CHURCH FEUD

One Hundred Thousand Dollars of Product Destroyed and Building Supposed to Have Led to Tragedy in a Tent.

(By Associated Press.) COLUMBIA, S. C., January 7.—A special to the State from Chester says: "Fire, which started in the cotton warehouse of the Eureka Mill at 9 o'clock to-night, has already destroyed 1,500 bales of cotton, resulting in a loss of between \$50,000 and \$60,000, is still burning fiercely, and at 11:30 P. M. threatened to spread to an adjoining warehouse in which is stored two or three thousand bales of cotton. The loss is fully covered by insurance."

"The Eureka Mill is located about a quarter of a mile outside the corporate limits of the city and little aid can be rendered by the city fire department. The cotton is stored in a tent, after the negro paragon of that district had declined to let them use the church. The tent was near the church and evidently was an insult to its congregation. It was crowded, however, with many who had grievances against the permanent church."

A few nights after the revival began, while the negro evangelist was on his knees in his pulpit, beseeching the Lord to have mercy on sinners and forgive enemies, the pistol spoke the "Amen," and the revivalist, who was standing, stood up and fell backward with a bullet through his head. A panic followed. The woods were scoured, but the assassin could not be found. The body was removed to Forest City.

### CONTROL OF GEORGIA RAILROAD CHANGES

(By Associated Press.) MOULTREE, GA., January 7.—Seven hundred and sixty-seven shares of Georgia Northern Railroad stock passed yesterday from J. N. Pidcock, Jr., president of the railroad, to C. W. Pidcock. The stock represents a controlling interest. The next largest block is owned by Frank B. Pidcock. Negotiations are on for the sale of this to C. W. Pidcock, who is slated for president and general manager of the road. J. B. Pidcock will dispose of his interests in the road to C. W. Pidcock and will retire. It is understood that W. S. Humphreys, general counsel has resigned, and will be succeeded by Jesse Walters, of Albany.

C. W. Pidcock, of the Natural Bridge Railway in Florida, has disposed of his stock in that road to J. N. Pidcock, Jr., and has resigned as general manager.

### FORGOT HIS ORDERS; TRAIN WAS WRECKED

(By Associated Press.) CORRY, PA., January 7.—To an enginman's failure to remember orders is attributed the disastrous wreck on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad at Home's Siding last night, when three were killed and twenty persons were injured. To-day when Enginman Cavanaugh, whose locomotive, running light, crashed into passenger train No. 4, was asked how he happened to be on the main track, he is alleged to have exclaimed, "My God, I forgot all about the passenger train." It is said that after a searching investigation into the cause of the wreck the person responsible will be prosecuted.

### Message From Mitchell.

MITCHELL'S, CULPEPER CO., VA., Jan. 7.—Mr. Robert Terrell, one of the oldest citizens of Culpeper county and a member of the famous Terrell family of Orange county, died at his home near Grifflinsburg, at the advanced age of ninety. He leaves a wife, aged eighty-five, two sons, Mr. Wallace E. Terrell of this county, and Mr. Will Terrell, of Lynchburg, and one daughter, Mrs. Lulu Lamon, of Culpeper county.

The Culpeper Hunt Club, with Mr. W. F. Bywater, master of hounds, has in the past two weeks had some fine runs on Cedar Mountain. On January 6th the club hunted twice, the last time too late to unearth him.

### Phillies Will Try McCurdy.

MT. CARMEL, Pa., Jan. 7.—"Dan" McCurdy, Mount Carmel, Pa., pitcher of the last two years, will get a chance to see what he can do in the fastest game next year. President W. J. Shetler, of the Phillies, has notified the big fellow to report to Manager Duffy and go South with the Quakers.

Sherwood Magee, the Phillies' hard-hitting outfielder, who formerly played on the same team with McCurdy, is a strong believer in his ability to make good.

### "Jim Crow" Schools for Kansas.

TOPEKA, KAN., January 7.—The State Supreme Court decided to-day that the law allowing the separation of the negro and white children in a Kansas City high school is constitutional. This decision paves the way for "Jim Crow" schools all over the State.

### Big Railroad Concession.

(By Associated Press.) MEXICO CITY, Jan. 7.—A concession has been granted by the Dwyer Furness Company, of Guayaquil, for a railroad from the city of Guayaquil to Marfil and Irapuato, the old concession being merged in a new charter.

Consul Caldwell, of San Jose, reports that by a decree issued by the government of Costa Rica November 16th, the government's pearl fisheries of the Pacific coast are again open for exploitation by divers, but the use of machinery is strictly prohibited. These fisheries have been closed for some time.

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## RICHMOND CHRISTIAN PLEASES AUDIENCE

Secretary Coulter, of State Y. M. C. A. Addresses Young Men at Knoxville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) KNOXVILLE, TENN., Jan. 7.—L. A. Coulter, of Richmond, Va., delivered an address at Staub's Theatre this afternoon under the auspices of Central Y. M. C. A., which started with Mr. Coulter's address earlier on Great Men's Meetings.

Mr. Coulter's subject was "Chains That Bind," and the thousand men who heard him were more than pleased with his forcible remarks. He spoke especially of the social evil, and maintained that there should be an equal number of morality for both men and women. When at the conclusion of his address he called upon all who endorsed his words to stand and for the right to so signify, the entire audience responded.

### GAINESS'S MILL.

Rev. C. H. Ryland will conduct the regular services at Walnut Grove Baptist Church at 11 A. M.

Mrs. Sallie Gaines, who has been suffering for several months with rheumatism, does not improve.

Mrs. I. L. Gaundling, of Mt. Airy, entertained as her guest last Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burnett, Miss Nannie Peace, Mr. Tommy Holt, Mrs. C. P. Hall, Mrs. Ada Burnette.

Miss Kate Adams spent Tuesday with her cousin, Miss Sallie Chadwick, at Richmond.

Misses Clara and Rosa Martin, of Richmond, spent the past week with their cousin at Double Oaks, near here.

Seaton Thiney, of Michigan, visited his wife at Fairland during the past week. Herman and John Peace, of Old Church, visited relatives at The Cliffs during the past week.

Miss Maria Curtis has returned to Wabasso after a pleasant visit to friends in Richmond.

Mrs. C. H. Shedd and little Miss Winnie and son, William, visited friends near Cold Harbor Tuesday.

Gregory Turner has returned to Washington from a visit to his sister, Mrs. Nannie Adams.

Lewis Jenkins, of Richmond, spent a few days during the past week with his parents.

Mr. Edward Saunders, of Richmond, visited friends here during the past week.

Mrs. Lella Puller and daughter, Miss Hattie, of Highpoint, spent some time during the past week with relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. Gertrude Nelson, of Wabasso, who has been much indisposed recently is convalescing.

Mrs. Nattie Richardson, of Selwin, visited her cousin, Mrs. Jones, near Cold Harbor recently.

Mrs. Martha Bonds, Miss Mena and Master Joseph and Ruth Adams visited friends here Thursday.

Mr. Edward Woodson, of Locust Hill, is much indisposed, he is under the care of Dr. Gay, of Richmond.

Miss Carrie Christian, of Newmans, visited friends near Walnut Grove recently.

Mr. Czar Tucker, of Old Church, died at his home last Sunday. Funeral took place Tuesday afternoon.

### COLD HARBOR

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Corvin have returned home to the National Cemetery, after a visit to their son in Washington, D. C.

Miss Bettie Armstrong has returned home from Culpeper and will reopen school next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Franklin have returned to Oakwood Avenue, after a delightful visit to relatives at Sandy Valley.

Mr. Charles Barker, of Richmond, are visiting their daughter, near Barker's Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goodman spent several days in Richmond during the past week.

Mrs. Ashby Bowds, of Richmond, has been spending some time with her sister at Turkey.

Miss Ethel Moore has returned to Richmond after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Robbie Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burnette, Mr. Tom Holt, Miss Nannie Peace visited their relatives at Liberty Hill and Ellersboro.

Sydney Jones has accepted the charge of the farm at Spring Hill.

Tom Puller, of Highpoint, has purchased a tract of land that was formerly the property of William Haw, near this place.

Miss Lola Orrick, of Richmond, spent last week with her cousin, Miss Hattie Sims.

Mrs. Callie Jenkins spent last week with friends in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Tiller, of Mechanicsville Pike, spent last week with relatives at Sandy Valley and this place.

Miss Julia Duvall is still suffering from the effect of injuries received from a fall some weeks ago.

Mr. Richard Burnette and Aubrey Peace gave an entertainment Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burnette, at Turkey Grove. Among those present were Misses Mary, Maggie, Olive, Peace, Lolie Burnette, Nannie Peace, Maude Burnette, Hattie Vial, Maggie Burnette, Messrs. Tommy Holt, Willard Alexander, Bassett Douvris, Lloyd Alexander, Newton Acres, Lucy Burnette, Oscar Burnette, Tom Fuchs, Harry Parsley, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Wood, and daughter, Mrs. Indle Gaundling, Mrs. C. P. Hall.

### RIDGE HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Whitfield Turney, of Suffolk, is spending some time with relatives near here.

Mrs. James Franklin, of Westhampton, had the pleasure of having with her during the Christmas holidays, her nephew, Mr. Bruce Young, of Suffolk.

Misses Rozella and Jessie Urban, of Shepperson and Mr. Howard Franklin, of Ridge, attended a very enjoyable entertainment at Belmont near Ashland, Hanover county, on Christmas night. Music and dancing were indulged in until a late hour, when refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. James Urban have returned home after a visit to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Goodman.

Mrs. J. T. Eubank, of Westhampton Park, is much improved from her recent illness.

Mr. A. D. Franklin, of Richmond, visited his mother, Mrs. Bettie Franklin, last week.

### OLD CHURCH NEWS

Messrs. John and Frank Beal, of V. F. I., had a most delightful visit of two weeks' duration at their old home "Mid-dleton," where, together with their father, Mr. F. S. Beal, and their uncle, Mr. Drury Miles, of Richmond, and aunt, Mrs. Wm. Young, of Suffolk, and their friend, Mr. P. L. Jones, of Hanover, the days were most pleasantly spent in hunting and driving.

Quite a merry crowd, including Misses